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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 18 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq (UNMOVIC) (S/2001/833)

Other matters

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Afghanistan

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

Afternoon*	4374th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Sierra Leone

   Eleventh report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (S/2001/857 and Add.1)

Afternoon**	4375th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Consideration of the draft report of the Security Council to the General Assembly

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* To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

** To be held following the adjournment of the 4374th meeting.

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	258th meeting	Conference Room 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. World Food Programme

2. Draft report

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON CHILDREN

Extended Bureau meeting

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

DRAFTING GROUP
(Special session of the General Assembly on children)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations to consider the draft outcome document "A world fit for children" contained in document A/AC.256/CRP.6/Rev.3

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the Human Development Report 2002 *today*, 18 September 2001, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 5. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 18 September 2001

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77
(on Second Committee agenda items and Financing for Development)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

GENERAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE SECOND COMMISSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GENERAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE FIFTH COMMISSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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The meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-aligned Countries scheduled for *today*, 18 September 2001, at 10 a.m., has been postponed.

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The meeting of the Asian Group scheduled for *today*, 18 September 2001, at 3 p.m., has been postponed.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 19 September 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 3rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Organization of work of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee (A/56/250)

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The Facilitator for the informal consultations on the substantive preparatory process and the International Conference on Financing for Development, Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), will hold a briefing on Wednesday, 19 September 2001, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in *Conference Room 8*.

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The eighth session of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court will be held from 24 September to 5 October 2001, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 55/155 of 12 December 2000.

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The Third Committee of the General Assembly will hold its organizational meeting on Wednesday, 3 October 2001, and begin its substantive work on Monday, 8 October. Copies of the preliminary draft programme of work are available in the office of the Secretary of the Committee (room S-2950).

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The Second Committee of the General Assembly will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 4 October 2001, at 3 p.m., and begin its substantive work on Monday, 8 October. Copies of the preliminary draft programme of work are available in the office of the Secretary of the Committee (room S-2950).

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The resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 15 to 19 October 2001. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 15 October, in Conference Room 2. The annotated agenda is contained in document A/AC.257/21 and the organization of work will be issued as document A/AC.257/L.7.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Background information on the preparatory process for the International Conference and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development Web site (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd).

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Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) is scheduled to take place from 25 to 27 September 2001 at United Nations Headquarters.

Under item 10 of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference (document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/1/Rev.1), a general exchange of views by ratifiers and signatories of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty on facilitating the entry into force of the Treaty is expected to take place. The list of speakers for the general exchange of views is open.

In accordance with the draft provisional agenda, States which have not signed the Treaty will be able to make statements at the Conference. The list of speakers for statements by non-signatory States is also open.

As a general guidance, it is assumed that speakers, at the discretion of the President, will talk for up to five minutes each.

The Secretariat also advises that it is the wish of the majority of the States which have ratified the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty that the Conference be attended at a high level.

States wishing to inscribe on the lists of speakers should communicate their request in writing and hand-delivered to Mrs. Hannelore Hoppe, Chief of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140). Request may also be sent by fax to the Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch (fax: (212) 963-8892). States will be enlisted on a first-come-first-served basis, with the proviso that representatives at the highest level will be given priority.

For enquiries regarding the lists of speakers, please call (212) 963-5976.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Fifth session

The fifth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 1 to 12 October 2001 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

The session will be opened on Monday, 1 October, at 3 p.m. A general exchange of views by Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies is expected to take place at the opening meeting. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held on 8 and 9 October.

The list of speakers for the opening meeting and special segment will be open from Monday, 17 September, to Tuesday, 25 September 2001. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel.: (212) 963-2319; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: fidler@un.org). The list will be reopened in Geneva on Monday, 1 October (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(5)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (http://www.unccd.int).

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POSTPONEMENT OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON CHILDREN

By its decision 56/401 of 12 September 2001, the General Assembly decided to postpone its special session on children to a date to be decided by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session. All side events related to the special session are also postponed.

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FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Credentials

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the Secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (Overall theme: Responding to globalization: facilitating the integration of developing countries into the world economy in the twenty-first century)

(New dates: 20-21 September 2001)

Plenary meetings

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings of the high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation through partnership, is now open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact Ms. Carmencita Dizon (tel.: (212) 963-5063; room S-3001D). Requests may also be sent by fax to (212) 963-3783 or by e-mail to dizon@un.org.

Ministerial round tables

The first of two ministerial round tables, on the topic "Enhancing the integration of developing countries in the emerging global information network, facilitating access to information and communication technology for developing countries", will be held on Thursday, 20 September, from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., in Conference Room 3. The second ministerial round table, on the topic "Promoting the integration of developing countries into the world economy and generating new public and private financing resources to complement development efforts", will be held on Friday, 21 September, from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3. There will be no list of speakers for the ministerial round tables.

Informal panels

The first of two informal panels, on the topic of "Enhancing the integration of developing countries in the emerging global information network, facilitating access to information and communication technology for developing countries", will be held on Thursday, 20 September, from 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The panellists will be Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Chairperson, Arab Knowledge Management Society, Cairo; Mr. Salamão Manhiça, Executive Secretary, ICT Policy Commission, Maputo; Prof. Swasti Mitter, University of Sussex, United Kingdom; and Mr. Sirous Nasseri, CEO, ICT Services Corporation, Teheran.

The second informal panel, on the topic "Promoting the integration of developing countries into the world economy and generating new public and private financing resources to complement development efforts", will be held on Friday, 21 September, from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The panellists will be Prof. Felipe Larraín, Instituto de Economía, Universidad Católica de Chile; Mr. Jay Naidoo, Chairperson, Development Bank of Southern Africa; and Mr. John Williamson, Senior Fellow, Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C.

Background information for the high-level dialogue is available on the following Web site: www.un.org/ga/56/dialogue.htm, and is also available for pick-up by delegations outside room DC1-1420.

General debate
*(24-28 September, 1-5 Octoober 2001)**

The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

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* Possible rescheduling of the general debate under consideration as announced at the 3rd meeting of the General Committee held on 14 September 2001.

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As from Tuesday, 4 September 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the French presidency of the Security Council (available in French and in English) can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/france.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www. un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny. org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 14 September 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE 1st, 2nd and 3rd meetings

Note: The summary of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd meetings of the General Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2001/180).

Monday, 17 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4373rd (closed) meeting

Briefing by His Excellency Mr. Nebojša Čović, Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4373rd meeting, held in private at 3.30 p.m. on 17 September 2001, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'Briefing by His Excellency Mr. Nebojša Čović, Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.'

"In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, the President extended and invitation to His Excellency Mr. Nebojša Čović, Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Hans Haekkerup, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo.

"The members of the Security Council had a constructive interactive discussion with the Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo."

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Ratification: Denmark (31 August 2001)*

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966

Accession: Kenya (13 September 2001)*

International Coffee Agreement 2001. London, 28 September 2000

Ratification: Rwanda (13 September 2001)*

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An Invitation to Universal Participation Focus 2001: Rights of Women and Children (United Nations Headquarters)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from 19 September until 5 October 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Arrangements will be made for the treaty actions to be undertaken in a formal setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 14 August 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693). In the light of the tragic event of last week, it is also advisable for States which are scheduled to undertake treaty actions to again confirm their appointments with the Treaty Section.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the above event will be provided closer to 19 September 2001.

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the light of the tragic event of last week, the Permanent Observer Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations regrets to inform that the official opening of the exhibit "Playgrounds and Toys for Children", scheduled for *today* 18 September 2001, and the press conference, have been cancelled. However, the exhibit can be viewed by members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media in the Visitors' Lobby of the Secretariat building until 18 November 2001. As soon as the building is open to the public, visitors will also be able to view the exhibit.

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In commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the death of Dag Hammarskjöld, second Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Dag Hammarskjöld Library has launched a multi-media Web site honouring his years of service to the Organization (1953-1961) (http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/dag/).

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Following the tragic event of last week, an inter-faith service will be held on Thursday, 20 September 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chapel of the United Nations Church Center (777 United Nations Plaza). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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